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| <p>NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS</p> <p>The Forest Service will receive sealed bids in public or by US Postal Service mail at Supervisor's Office, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070 for the following sale.</p> <p>The Cape Salvage Roffer Timber Sale is located within T13N, R77W, Section 18; T13N, R78W, Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27; 6th PM, Albany County, Wyoming. Bid opening will be at 3:00 PM local time on June 16, 2020 for an estimated volume of 4446 CCF of Lodgepole Pine and Other Conifers sawtimber, and 850 CCF of Lodgepole non-saw marked or otherwise designated for cutting.</p> <p>The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, and complete information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids is available to the public by writing to Supervisor's Office, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070. Sale information can also be obtained online from http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mbrtb/timber-sales</p> <p>In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Forest Service intends to take extra precautions during our upcoming bid openings. It is highly encouraged that bidders submit bids via US Postal Service. If you would like to submit a bid in person, or would like to view the bid opening, please contact the sale officer to schedule an appointment. A screening process will be employed to ensure the safety of everyone present. If you have any questions, please contact Matt P. Riederer at 307-674-2659 or at matthew.riederer@usda.gov.</p> <p>The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p> <p>Publish: May 16, 2020</p> <p>Legal Notice of Objection Filing Period USDA Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment</p> <p>Name of Responsible Official: Russell Bacon, Forest Supervisor Name of Reviewing Officer: Jennifer Eberlien, Acting Regional Forester Time zone of Reviewing Officer: Mountain Time Zone</p> <p>The Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment. This plan amendment will revise</p> | <p>management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=55479</p> <p>(2) Mail to: USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer, P.O. Box 18980 Golden, CO 80402 (3) Fax to: 303-275-5134</p> <p>Individuals who need to use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) to transmit objections may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.</p> <p>An objection must include the following (36 CFR 219.54(c)):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The objectors name and address along with a telephone number or email address if available - in cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, the Forest Service will attempt to verify the identity of the objector to confirm objection eligibility; (2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection); (3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must also be provided if requested; (4) The name of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the Responsible Official; (5) A statement of the issues and/or parts of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision to which the objection applies; (6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the draft plan decision may be improved. If the objector believes that the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, an explanation should be included; (7) A statement that demonstrates the link between the objectors prior substantive formal comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment; and (8) All documents referenced in the objection (a bibliography is not sufficient), except that the following need not be provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All or any part of a Federal law or regulation, b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents, c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal | <p>reg ap pa W se</p> | <p>reg ap pa W se</p> |

Legal Notice of Objection Filing Period

USDA Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland

Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment

Name of Responsible Official: Russell Bacon, Forest Supervisor

Name of Reviewing Officer: Jennifer Eberlien, Acting Regional Forester

Time zone of Reviewing Officer: Mountain Time Zone

The Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment. This plan amendment will revise grassland plan direction associated with the management of prairie dog colonies. The purpose of the plan amendment is to provide a wider array of management options to respond to changing conditions, minimize prairie dog encroachment onto non-Federal lands, reduce resource conflicts related to prairie dog occupancy and livestock grazing, ensure continued conservation of at-risk species, and support ecological conditions that do not preclude reintroduction of the black-footed ferret. The publication date of this notice in this newspaper initiates a 60-day period during which individuals or entities with specific concerns may file an objection for a Forest Service review prior to the approval of the Record of Decision.

The environmental analysis document, other supporting documentation, and a draft of the Record of Decision are available for review on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55479> or at the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Supervisor's Office at 2468 Jackson St, Laramie, WY 82070. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Monique Nelson, Planning Team Leader, by email at monique.nelson@usda.gov or by phone at 307-275-0956.. The publication date of this notice initiates the objection filing period and is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 219.16 and 219.52).

The objection process provides an opportunity for members of the public who have participated in the planning process for the Thunder Basin National Grassland to have any unresolved concerns reviewed by the Forest Service prior to a final decision by the Responsible Official. Only those who provided substantive formal comments during opportunities for public comment during the planning process are eligible to file an objection. Regulations at 36 CFR 219 subpart B define substantive formal comments as: Written comments submitted to, or oral comments recorded by, the responsible official or his designee during an opportunity for public participation provided during the planning process, and attributed to the individual or entity providing them. Comments are considered substantive when they are within the scope of the proposal, are specific to the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.

How to File an Objection

The Forest Service will accept objections concerning this action for 60 calendar days following the date of this notice. Objections must be filed online (preferred), by mail, or by fax with the Reviewing Officer. Carrier and hand delivery are not an option due to limited availability of staff

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to receive mail at the office during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the Reviewing Officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

The Reviewing Officer is Jennifer Eberlien, Acting Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format (Word, PDF, or Rich Text) that is readable and searchable with optical character recognition software. The submission should include a subject line stating: "Objection for the Thunder Basin National Grassland 2020 Plan Amendment." Objections may be filed using one of the following methods:

- (1) Submit online via the Comment and Analysis Response Application (CARA) objection web form available at:
<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=55479>.
- (2) Mail to: USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer, P.O. Box 18980 Golden, CO 80402
- (3) Fax to: 303-275-5134

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- a. All or any part of a Federal law or regulation,
- b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents,
- c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal subject to objection, and
- d. Formal comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the objector during the proposed plan, plan amendment, or plan revision comment period.

Prior to the issuance of the reviewing officer's written response, either the reviewing officer or the objector may request to meet to discuss issues raised in the objection and their potential resolution. Interested persons who wish to participate in meetings to discuss issues raised by objectors must have previously submitted substantive formal comments related to the objection issues. Interested persons must file a request to participate as an interested person within 10 days after a legal notice of objections received has been published. Requests must be sent to the same email or address identified for filing objections, above, and the interested person must identify the specific issues they have interest in discussing. During the objection meeting, interested persons will be able to participate in discussions related to issues on the agenda that they have listed in their request to be an interested person.